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Acme POWERWISE C3 Transformer cuts costs, energy consumption and CO₂ emissions

Lumberton, NC, September 1, 2009 – Acme Electric Company announces its latest weapon in the war on financial, energy and environmental waste. Its new POWERWISE C3 Transformer provides a 30 percent increase in efficiency performance over standard TPI transformers, which translates into big savings for its users and the planet.

Save energy. POWERWISE C3 transformers deliver both performance reliability and significantly lower energy consumption thanks to optimized design and materials. Built in an ISO 9001 facility to ANSI/IEEE and UL standards, the C3 features high-grade electrical steel and copper wound construction with a 3-phase common-core. Over a thirty year installation life, millions of kilowatt hours can be saved using POWERWISE C3s. No load losses, which are critical in sites where loading on transformers is low - are 40 to 50 % less than with typical TPI transformers.

Save the atmosphere. Because they draw less power, The C3s create fewer greenhouse gases and generate less smog in the atmosphere. That translates into potentially thousands of tons of CO₂ spared from one installation.

Save money. Best of all, in most cases the POWERWISE C3 delivers payback within 3 to 4 years. The savings generated from lower kilowatt hour usage, fewer no-load losses, and consistently high performance makes this an easy choice for any company interested in saving money, reducing green house gases and becoming more green. The POWERWISE C3 transformer comes with a 25 year warranty, UL certification, and provides LEED credits for optimizing energy performance.

For more information call 800-334-5214 or visit www.acmepowerdist.com/c3

About Acme Electric

For over 91 years Acme Electric has been manufacturing Power Conversion and Power Conditioning Equipment for use in industrial, commercial and OEM applications. Built on a reputation for superior service, quality and technical expertise in the transformer market, Acme is regarded as a true industry leader.

About Actuant

Actuant, headquartered in Butler, Wisconsin, is a diversified industrial company with operations in more than 30 countries. The Actuant businesses are market leaders in branded hydraulic and electrical tools and supplies, umbilical, rope and cable solutions as well as highly engineered position and motion control systems. Since its creation through a spin-off in 2000, Actuant has grown its sales from \$482 million to \$1.66 billion in fiscal 2008. The Company employs a workforce of approximately 6,200 worldwide. Actuant trades on the NYSE under the symbol ATU. For further information on Actuant and its business units, visit the Company's website at www.actuant.com.

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